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MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. [REDACTED]
THROUGH: Chief, Geography Division
Chief, Far East/Pacific Branch, D/GG
FROM: Chief, Geographic Research
SUBJECT: The Proposed Southeast Asia Committee

1. On the basis of the findings enumerated in your progress report of 10 April 1959 on the proposed Southeast Asia Committee, it is recommended that you proceed with an initial organizational meeting.

2. There would seem to be no real objection to the utilization of "outside speakers", if their contribution is one that cannot be provided by a member of the Committee. However, it is questionable whether there would be a great deal of advantage to be gained from the utilization of outside speakers on a continuing basis, to the exclusion of discussions of problems and working relationships by the participating members.

3. I shall be interested in receiving other progress reports from you after the organizational meeting has been held and the Committee has been established.

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